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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO LESSEN FEES

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2",

Claim 5, line 1, delete "or 2",

Claim 10, line 1, delete "any of claims 5 to 9",

insert --claim 5--;

Claim 12, line 1, delete "any preceding claim",

insert --claim 1--;

Claim 16, lines 1 and 2, delete "any of claims 13 to 13",

insert --claim 13--;

Claim 18, line 1, delete "or claim 17",

Claim 19, line 1, delete "any preceding claim",

insert --claim 1--;

Claim 20, line 1, delete "any preceding claim",

insert --claim 1--;

Claim 22, line 1, delete "or claim 21",

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